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PERSONS/ENTITIES: HARVEY, WILLIAM MCCONE

MATAHAMBRE COPPER MINES

DATES: -11/14/62

11/3/62

CATEGORIES:

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OCCURRENCE: Harvey states, "On 3 November, 1962, a fragmentary company report was received, reflecting the arrests by the Cuban authorities in Panar del Rio, of the infiltrees. It was impossible to determine, definitely, whether this report referred to the two members of the Matahambre sabotage team."



SOURCE: 11/14/62, Memorandum of William Harvey, (00757)

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

Lansdale

Lt. Col. Patchel

Sec. Gilpatric

DATES:

13 Nov 62

CATEGORIES:

MONGOOSE Cuba

OCCURRENCE:

Lansdale states, "This news came as a surprise, since I had no information about the Matahambre sabotage operation since 4-5 Oct and asked Bruce Chever (in Bill Harvey's absence) specifically for information about all CIA action teams inside Cuba on 30 Oct and again on 31 Oct so that I could give a firm report to Dept. Sect. Gilpatric prior to negotiations with the Soviets. Chever had not mentioned the Matahambre sabotage team when I asked about action teams inside. Chever did mention that two-action-teams-were-inside-(one-small-one-in-Central-Cuba, and one with about 200 men in Western Cuba), that these teams were under orders not to take actions, but to collect intelligence.

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Lansdale's memo for the record, 13 Nov 62

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CATEGORIES: PERSONS/ENTITIES KIRKPATRICK Special Group Augmented DUP William Harvey Nov. 21, 1962 Operation Mongoose Mr. Halpern Gen. Lansdale Walter Elder Cuba

With regard to paragraph 2 of Lansdale's memorandum to SGA dated 14 Nov. DCI 1962 Harvey states: "The statement that Operation Mongoose had had no information on OCCURRENCE: this operation since early October was patently false. Specific references made to the pen ultimate paragraph and Lansdale's memorandum concerning a report for the CIA which he used as a basis for memorandum dated 31 Oct. 1962 to Oswald Kirkpatrick. This refers to a telephonic conversation on the evening of 30 Oct. 1962 between Lansdale and Checker which is referred specifically in paragraph 2 on pages 7 and 8 of my reference memorandu. I have discussed this matter in detail with Cheever and clearly recollects that his conversation with Lansdale on that date took place as reflected in my reference memorandum. During this conversation there was no discussion of previous operations except a brief discussion of the COBRA and AMMORAD teams and Lansdale did not ask, according to Cheever's recollection, any specific questions concerning assets inside or prior operations which SOURCE: Would logically have led to the discussions at the timp STAFF: of the Matahambre operation."

Memorandum dated Nov. 21, 1962 (01151)

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Gilpatric >

McCone Taylord Parrot

DATES:

14 Nov 62 MONGOOSE

CATEGORIES:

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Bundy

Johnson

Lansdale states, "On October 30-31 for an 'Eyes Only' background memorandum requested by Rosewell Gilpatric, information was requested from CIA on the current status of all operations. CIA reported all militant operations have been ordered held at a stop, although the volatile Cubans were frustrated and not under complete control. The Matahambre operation was not mentioned by the CIA in reporting in operational teams inside Cuba, although I asked for specifics on militant teams inside. Two-action teams CIA reported as being inside Cuba were described as in place only collecting intelligence, not actions, (sabotage, etc.)*

*INB: A hand-written note next to the above statement by Lansdale reads, "Harvy/ Chever say he did not ask."

SOURCE: 14 Nov 62 special memo for the Special Group Augmented, prepared by Brig. Gen. Lansdale (00761)

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

DATES:

CATEGORIES:

Special Group (Augmented); MONGOOSE; Lansdale Taylor; Johnson Gilpatrick; McCone, R. Kennedy, Limnetzer

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Special Group Augmented; MONGOOSEV

OCCURRENCE: Memo from the Special Group (Augmented) from Lansdale re: Operation MONGOOSE progress, dated 31 May 1962. CIA attempting to recruit an official in an airlines office in Havana. The CIA team in Pinar del Rio province was successfully resupplied by maritime means on 24 May. "Fracturing the regime has been given priority attention by A senior case officer has been assigned full time to the specific action, and has preferential use of CIA assets. Of twenty-four desirable defection targets. CIA has found several who seem vulnerable [" CIA awaits approval for "Voice of Free Cuba" which

it can now put into operation immediately: CIA is prepared to disseminate leaflets on Castro's failure to Cuban population via balloons; CIA requests group approval for defense support in training of twenty-man teams for possible use in beefing up resistance groups in Cuba; and CIA asked the group for approval before

SOURCE: proceeding with the counterfest currency proposed under Task 23. STAFF:

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news for the Special group (A); Landall, re Operation FILE: Mongoose propress, 31 may, 1962 (00335-37)

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

BRUCE CHEEWER DESMOND FITZ-

<u>DATES</u>:

<u>CATEGORIES</u>:

Apr 12, 1963

Cuba MONGOOSE

OCCURRENCE: Desmond Fitzgerald states "The decision of the U.S. government to stop hit and run raids by the Cuban exile groups while the variety of effects depending upon where one is viewing the decision. (Looks at Castro's viewpoint, and to Castro elements within Cuba, the Cuban exiles, etc.)

SOURCE:

Memo from Fitzgerald to the DCI, Apr 12, 1963

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

BRUCE CHEEVER, DESMOND, FITZGERALD, MCCONE, HELMS

DATES:

CATEGORIES:

April 12, 1963

Cuba MONGOOSE.

OCCURRENCE: Fitzgerald states "The activist Cuban exiles will probably not be deterred by the order (to stop hit and run raids). They may even profit by the decree. It will now be a greater honor to engage in operations against Fidel. The double jeopardy arising from the threat of detention by U.S. agents and the chance for martyrdom at the hands of Fidel will be an even greater challenge. Actually the supply of recruits for such hit and run raids may run shallow but not dry."

SOURCE:

Memo from Fitzgerald to the DCI, Apr. 12 1963

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OCCURRENCE:

Fitzgerald states it is too soon actually to state definitely what the effect of this policy (i.e. stopping raids) will have on our recruitment program. The Agency's problem is not the number of recruits, but their quality. The unemployed, poorly educated, hungry are always with us. Some of the more discerning Cuban types will avoid recruitment as they are convinced that a priciple reason for the U.S. action is to control who fights Castro in order to insure who will succeed him.

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Memo from Fitzgerald to the DCI, Apr. 12, 1963

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CATEGORIES:

Apr 12, 1963

Cuba MONGOOSE

OCCURRENCE: Fitzgerald states Another advantage arising from the scrutiny of U.S. agents will be the improvement and control and better clandestine security practices on the part of the exiles. But as the U.S. restricts and apprehends these men, confiscating goods and funds, the loci power will have a tendency to move back to its traditional center: the exile--monied interests such as the bosches, prlos and Batistas.

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SOURCE:

Memo from Fitzgerald to the DCI, Apr. 12, 1963 (02620)

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Memorandum dated 16 September 1963 for members of the Special Group from Mr. Parrott

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STAFF:

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

PRESIDENT KENNEDY BUNDY

ROBERT KENNEDY

HELMS RUSK

MCNAMARA

DATES:

Nov. 12, 1963

CATEGORIES:

MONGOOSE

PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL

OCCURRENCE:

On NOvember 12, 1963 a meeting on "Cuban Operations" was held with "Higher Authority" (President Kennedy). Present were Mr. RUSK, Mr. MCNAMARA, Mr. ROBERT KENNEDY, Mr. BUNDY, Mr. MCCONE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KILPAGRICK, Mr. VaNCE, Mr. HELMS, Mr. FITZGERALD, MR. GRUENER, Mr. STEAKLEY. Mr. MCCONE gave-a-brief-summary-of-recent developments inside Cuba and Mr. Fitzgerald reported on Cuban operations under six main headings. (Mr. FITZGERALD's discussions of these headings is contained in separate cards.)

SOURCE:

Memorandum for the record dated Nov. 12, 1963

"Cuban Operations" FILE:

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DATES:

CATEGORIES:

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HELMS

BUNDY

R. KENNEDY

Mar 2, 1964

Special Group (Mongoose

OCCURRENCE: Helms states that agency officers have reported plans of Cuban exiles to assassinate selected Cuban government leaders. Agency officers told Cubans that U.S. would not condone the planned actions. Plans included: Cuban exile approach to March 2, 1964 by businessman to discuss a plan which was "still in the embryonic state to assassinate Fidel Castro." Businessman has underworld connections with Cosa Nostra. Latter group has offered to assassinate Castro for \$150,000. Proposes to use 5 men. March 3, 1964 meeting in which Byron Cameron says he met an unidentified group which would be willing to assassinate selected Cuban officials for cash. Specifically the Cameron group is interested in assassinating Fidel Castro, Raul Castro, and Ernesto Che "Cameron knows that he can indicted for conspiracy "Cameron knows that he can indicate knows the can indicate kno

Memorandum for DCI McCone from Richard Helms re plans of Cuban exiles to assassinate selected Cuban government leaders, June 10, 1964 (03105-031110)

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PERSONS/ENTITIES: DATES: CATEGORIES: 8/19/64 SGA MCCONE **FITZGERALD** HUGHES BOSCH, JOSE MONGOOSE **OPAPICH** 7/30/64 BUNDY **JESS**ŮP 6/10/64 CASTRO **RFK** STEAKLEY **JMWAVE** VANCE **JMWAVE**

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